

December 2017

THE “PROCLAIMER”

Newsletter of

PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Joy in Advent

As we enter into the Christmas season, many of us find it hard to find the joy in it because of the turns that life has taken us through. It is easy to get into the trap of negativity and close ourselves off to God and to others. This year, I want to remind all of us that through Christ, there is great freedom from these things that steal our joy. As we prepare for Advent, we are preparing to celebrate the coming of the Savior and the Hope, Joy, Peace, and Love that his birth brought into the world. It is easy to get sidetracked with what is wrong in life. But this Christmas, let's start a new tradition. Ask God to show you hope for the future and hope for the world. Look for the small windows of joy and allow that joy to permeate your life. Take intentional time to reflect on what is good (even if it's a small thing) and let the peace of God fill those moments, then share that peace with others. Contemplate the love God has for you – the great love that left heaven and power and omniscience and the adoration of angels to come to a dark, dirty stable and inhabit the powerless, overlooked form of an infant for whom there was no room in the inn – an infant who would grow into a man who continued to humble himself in human form, even as he endured the pain and ridicule of the cross so that we might know him and feel his love. What would happen if THAT was our focus this Christmas? What would happen if we shared that kind of love with those around us? What would happen if that was the gift we were most thankful for and the gift we passed on to others?

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Colossians 3:15

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

1 Corinthians 13:13

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.
Blessings,



CHILDREN'S & YOUTH CORNER



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & WHITE CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3
5:30 PM



10 am
Every Sunday
Morning

Children's Sunday School



Children's Church

Sunday mornings
during 11am Worship Service
For children
through 2nd grade



Kids Coin Collection

Children's Change Offering to support the Food Bank is collected The 1st Sunday of each month during the Worship Service



Nursery

Available EVERY Sunday during Sunday school and Worship

Birthdays and Anniversaries



	1	Lonnie Reynolds
	2	Carl Reeves
	4	Alden Hicks
	5	Jack Chambers
	6	James Evans
	7	David Mitchell
	11	Janie Marston
	15	Ruth Ann Mullins
	17	Deborah Howard
	17	Martha Hamlett
	17	Audrey Bennett
	17	Sarah Ramsey
	19	Dana Hale
	20	Mike Jennings
	21	Gordon Lee
	21	Dustin Mitchell
	21	Betty Petty
	22	Ronnie Mitchell
	22	Noelle Ferguson
	25	Adrian Austin
	25	Jenna Reeves
	30	Thomas Reeves

	1	Mike and Angie Reeves
	12	Khrysti & Jason Spencer
	12	PJ and Gloria Wade
	13	Chris and Heather Swanberg
	24	Elizabeth and Glenn Waycaster





Sunday, December 3
Debra Blackwelder & Kaylee Buckler

Sunday, December 10
Deborah Mayton & Kayla Collins

Sunday, December 17
Crystal Whitt & Caroline Ramsey

Sunday, December 24
Lisa Wilkerson & Mckayla Sullivan

Sunday, December 31
Candice Clowdis & Morgan Curtis

CHURCH BUSINESS

DEACONS

Chair:		
Annette Bennett		664-5004
Vice-Chair		
Brian Bennett		664-8309
Secretary:		
Richard Nunnally		660-5037
Susan Adams		315-4325
Benny Marston		248-6350
Jerleen Marston		248-6350
Carl Reeves		248-9728
Mike Reeves		660-0423
Rindy Reeves		660-9824
Chris Swanberg		610-4439



**Tuesday,
December 4
6:30 pm**

Business Meeting



**Wednesday
December 13
7 pm**

OPPORTUNITIES for ADULTS



**FOOD BANK
SATURDAY, Decem-
ber 16
9:00 am -Noon
Mt. Zion
Baptist Church**



**Monday
December 4
1 pm**

At Emily's House



The
J.O.Y.
Group



Will meet

On December 13 @
11:30 am

At Providence

Covered Dish Luncheon with Dirty
Santa gift exchange to
follow

\$10 limit on gifts

Hosted by Jerleen Marston

INTERCESSORY PRAYER NEEDS

Patrick Cheatham
Carolyn Chambers
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Clara Fortune
Andy Clowdis
Neola Smith
Gwen Flowers
Bob Dean
Kathy Williams
Danny Slayton

Jack Chambers
Melvin Reeves
Clifford Blackwelder
Martha Colwell
Eddie Peck
Chuck Chumley
Remedy Dunn
Thomas Reeves
Kim McElroy

Buck Wilkinson & Family
Ski Pijanowski
Renneth Marston
Ann Taylor Reynolds
Nan Andrews
Raelynn Ward
Ronnie Isenhour
Juanita Foster
Beth Lambert

Military: Frankie Jennings, Erica Harris,
Chanse Cook and Tim Sullivan



FROM THE WMU



CHRISTMAS CARDS!!!

It's time to start thinking once again about Christmas Cards. The WMU will be sponsoring card delivery this year.

Christmas cards may be brought in and placed in the mailboxes in the foyer beginning December 3 through December 24. Please address your cards only to attending members of Providence.

The ladies of the WMU will deliver the cards each Sunday.

Emily

WHITE CHRISTMAS

Our "White Christmas" offering takes place after the Children's play. At that time people bring non-perishable food items and placing them on the altar for our food pantry.

The food pantry is a mission project sponsored by Providence Baptist Church and is offered to anyone who is in need of food. We usually collect food on the fifth Sunday of the month. If you know of someone or are in need please contact one of the mission committee members:

Brian Bennett—376-5309
 Emily Mitchell—248-6390
 Benny Marston—148-6350
 Welford Whitlow—376-5337
 Ann Reynolds—248-6487



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 2:00 PM Children's Choir Practice Happy Birthday: Susan Adams	27 Happy Birthday: Alden Hicks	28 Happy Birthday: Mike Reeves; Michael Collins	29 6:00 PM Adult Choir Practice 7:00 PM Children's Choir Practice 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study Happy Birthday: Steve Chambers; Jerry Kimm	30 Happy Birthday: David Mitchell	1 Happy Anniversary: Mike & Angie Reeves Happy Birthday: Lonnie Reynolds	2 Happy Birthday: Carl Reeves
3 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 5:30 PM Children's Christmas Program	4 1:00 PM WMU @ Emily's 6:30 PM Deacon's Meeting Happy Birthday: Alden Hicks	5 Happy Birthday: Jack Chambers	6 6:00 PM Adult Choir Practice Happy Birthday: James Evans	7 Happy Birthday: David Mitchell	8 Happy Anniversary: Mike & Angie Reeves Happy Birthday: Lonnie Reynolds	9 Happy Anniversary: Mike & Angie Reeves Happy Birthday: Lonnie Reynolds
10 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Adult Christmas Cantata	11 Happy Birthday: Janie Marston; Ruth Ann Mullins	12 Happy Anniversary: PJ & Gloria Wade	13 11:00 AM JOY Group 6:00 PM Adult Choir Practice 7:00 PM BUSINESS MEETING Happy Anniversary: Chris & Heather Swanberg	14 Happy Birthday: Gordon Lee; Dustin Mitchell; Betty Petty	15 Happy Anniversary: Mike & Heather Swanberg	16 9:00 AM FOOD BANK @ Mt. Zion
17 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Happy Birthday: Martha Hamlett; Audrey Bennett	18 Happy Birthday: Dana Hale	19 Happy Birthday: Dana Hale	20 6:30 PM Caroling Happy Birthday: Mike Jennings	21 Happy Birthday: Mike Jennings	22 Happy Birthday: Ronnie Mitchell; Noelle Ferguson	23 Happy Anniversary: Thomas Reeves; Angie Roach Hall
24 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 5:30 PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 5:30 PM Holy Communion - Christmas Eve Service Happy Anniversary: Elizabeth & Glenn Waycaster	25 Christmas Day Happy Birthday: Adrian Austin; Jenna Reeves	26 Happy Anniversary: William Clowdis, Janet Reeves, Billy Dixon	27 Happy Anniversary: William Clowdis, Janet Reeves, Billy Dixon	28 Happy Anniversary: William Clowdis, Janet Reeves, Billy Dixon	29 Happy Anniversary: William Clowdis, Janet Reeves, Billy Dixon	30 Happy Anniversary: William Clowdis, Janet Reeves, Billy Dixon
31 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	1 Happy Anniversary: Melvin & Betty Reeves Happy Birthday: Harold Clowdis	2 7:00 PM Church Council Happy Birthday: William Clowdis, Janet Reeves, Billy Dixon	3 Happy Anniversary: Melvin & Betty Reeves Happy Birthday: Harold Clowdis	4 Happy Anniversary: Melvin & Betty Reeves Happy Birthday: Harold Clowdis	5 Happy Birthday: Mary Lee Reynolds; Welford Whitlow Mitchell	6 Happy Birthday: Billy Guy Mitchell

Wrapping Up and Reflecting on a Week in Ghana

Today, the Appomattox Baptist Association team concluded its work in the Yendi area of Ghana. They spent the morning visiting the North East Christian Academy, which is associated with the ministry of Rev. Emmanuel Mustapha. In the afternoon, the team completed distributing nets in the village they visited on Saturday, Kanimo. As the team concludes its work, many of them are spending time in reflection as they pack. One team member, **Heather Swanberg** of Providence Baptist Church in Red House, had this to say:

Is this the place I'm supposed to be in? Is this really where God is sending me? Those are two of the questions I had when I first heard people talking about going to Africa to spread God's Word. When I first heard about this trip to Ghana, I thought it would be great, but I wasn't sure that I could leave my family behind. I prayed and prayed asking for answers to the question, "Should I go?" As I sat in church one Sunday and the music started I just felt this peace come over me. As we started singing, the tears ran down my face: I knew I was supposed to go on this trip.

I sit here now and know that this was the best decision of my life. I have grown closer to God and have had my eyes opened to new experiences. I have seen people accept Christ, I have seen new churches started, and I have seen groups of people get baptized. There are things that are almost impossible to understand if you aren't there. I've taken lots of pictures, as we all have, but I believe what I have said several times: pictures don't do this justice, because you have to see it for yourself. I am so glad I did. I am thankful that I followed God's calling, and trust that this experience will help both me and my family grow closer to God.

For me, the answer to the question, "Is this the place I am supposed to be?" is "Yes! This is exactly where I'm meant to be." The Bible says, "He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit." (Ephesians 2:17-18) I am so thankful and blessed to be here spreading the Word of God to so many that need it.



JOY GROUP

November's JOY Group went to O'Charley's for lunch on the 8th.

We had a wonderful time celebrating the JOY of good food, pleasant conversation, warm atmosphere all combined to make a wonderful fellowship session.

The Group also had a second gathering on November 15 sponsored by James Bennett to go to Saunders Brothers Orchard again this year with lunch at The Briar Patch. It was really a wonderful time. For a last minute gathering, we had 17 attend. We took the church van and two other vehicles...had to make room for all the apples everyone bought.

December's JOY Group is being hosted by Jerleen Marston. We will meet at the church at 11:30 for a covered dish luncheon and a Dirty Santa gift exchange. There will be a \$10 limit for the gifts.

Dirty Santa



We still have a few months that need claiming. See me if you are interested.

Sally



ADULT CHRISTMAS
CANTATA
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10
11 AM



Christmas Caroling
Wednesday
December 20
6:30pm
Meet at the church

UPCOMING SERMONS

- December 3 Hanging of the Green
- December 10 Adult Christmas Cantata
- December 17 Reminder Note
 2 Peter 3:8-15a
- December 24 Priority List
 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
- Christmas Eve Disclosure Form
 Romans 16:25-27
- December 31 Jesus' Scrapbook
 Luke 2:22-40

Rev. Scott Curtis, Pastor
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Pastor Scott, Kristen and their children.

WEDNESDAY
6 pm Adult Choir Practice

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"We invite you to Providence Baptist Church where you will
always be welcomed with open arms."